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Welcome home Raiders... Family members of Troop C, 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, gather on Fort Hood to welcome home Soldiers of the 1st BCT after a year-long deployment to Iraq.

Wounded 1-66 Soldiers honored at ceremony

By Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt
Editor, Raider Review

Two wounded Soldiers from Company E, 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division were awarded for

their heroic actions while serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom at a ceremony held on Fort Hood Feb. 9.

Spc. Joshua Stein, a combat engineer, received a Bronze Star medal with V-Device for Valor, a Purple Heart medal and a Combat Action Badge and Spc. Junior Greene, also a

combat engineer, received a Purple Heart medal and Combat Action Badge months after each were seriously injured in two separate incidents north of Baghdad.

Stein received the awards for safely driving a Bradley Fighting Vehicle out of the danger zone after it (go to page 10, Bronze) —

Great to be home after long year

By Col. James Pasquarette
Commander, 1st BCT

Raider Brigade Family and Friends: It has been several months since my last update from Iraq. It is so good to be back home again after a long year. I am so proud of the job the entire team did over there. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and were able to recharge their batteries. I know I did. We deserved it – and needed it given the task at hand.

OK – enough about the past. It's time to focus on the future. There is so much to do. I want to lay down for you in this edition of the Raider Review what I see as our priorities right now.

Our priority at the moment is



reconstituting the team. This is a big effort that encompasses personnel, equipment and facilities. I'll talk quickly about each area.

We are currently in the middle of drawing equipment left behind by 1st Cavalry Division. My assessment is that the equipment is in relatively good shape. I've talked to a lot of our Soldiers in the motorpools and they are generally happy. We are also turning in our equipment we brought back from Iraq into various "reset" programs. This includes our weapons, NVDs and a small amount of rolling stock (wheeled and tracked vehicles that we brought home from Iraq). Overall, this process is going well thanks to a lot of hard work by the executive officers, company commanders, logistics officers and others.

More importantly, we are in the midst of a significant personnel shuffle that will result in about 50 percent of the brigade moving either out of the Army or out of the brigade. While I feel confident that we will get a good set of equipment to train on, I'm not so confident we'll get all the Soldiers we need in critical positions on time.

We will make do and begin training – but we all need to be prepared to step up a notch or two until the personnel turbulence settles down. This is my biggest concern right now. I'm confident the Army will resource the brigade with the right personnel – I'm not sure it will happen as soon as we'd like it to. Again, for that reason some of you may be working a position or two higher than normal. This will be great experience for our leadership – take advantage of it.

We are also settling into our new footprint on Fort Hood. Some of our headquarters, barracks and motorpools are nicer than what we had previously. Some are not so nice. Either way – it's home for the foreseeable future. I want us all to take ownership of our respective areas of operation, get them fixed up for operations and take pride in their appearance.

Finally, I want us all to get our heads into the garrison life here at Fort Hood. I'm happy with how we are doing discipline wise – but this is a 24/7 job that we all must focus on. I want our first line leaders engaged in *(go to page 9, many tasks)*

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Command Sergeant Major's focus for Raiders, upcoming deployment

By Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bobb
Command Sergeant Major, 1st BCT

It is an honor to represent the 1st (Raider) Brigade Combat Team as the command sergeant major.

This is a brigade with a great history and most recently great success during OIF 05-07. In the past few weeks, I traveled the brigade's footprint talking to Soldiers, NCOs and Officers. I have to say that I am very proud to be surrounded by the Army's best. I was invited to several functions, but the most memorable was a ceremony to honor two of the Army's finest

Soldiers and wounded warriors, an emotional event.

We have a long list of tasks to accomplish and a short time to do it in, but I am very confident that our leaders will give our Soldiers the best training in preparation for the next fight. There are a few things I would like to focus on:

CSM's Focus

Immediate focus

Personnel Accounting: Personnel accounting is the single most important part of the Army's personnel administration and management system. Personnel accounting is high on my list of things to monitor, if the data is not timely and accurate, then the decisions made using the data is suspect.

Retention: The career

counselors and reenlistment NCOs of the Raider Brigade are dedicated to retaining quality Soldiers today for tomorrow's Army. As leaders, especially our first line leaders, we must always remain current on the options available to our Soldiers when they are faced with important decisions about reenlistment. The brigade career counselor is your resource to remain up-to-date on eligibility criteria or changes in policy that are crucial to our Soldiers.

MEDPROS: The Army's Medical Protection System tracks immunizations, medical readiness and deployability data of our Soldiers. It is a powerful tool allowing the chain of command to determine the medical and dental readiness of our Soldiers.

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Co. D, 1-22 IN change commanders

By Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt
Editor, Raider Review

A former information officer serving in the division headquarters during the 4th Infantry Division's recent deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom assumed command of Company D, 1st Battalion, 22nd Inf. Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Inf. Div., at a change of

command ceremony held on Fort Hood Jan. 26.

Capt. Nathaniel Davis assumed command of the company from Capt. Jared Rudacille, who is scheduled to return to Iraq in the upcoming weeks as an aide to the deputy commanding general of Multi-National Forces-Iraq.

"Today is an important day in this unit's history," said Lt. Col. Craig Osborne, commander, 1st Bn., 22nd Inf. Regt. "Today, we add Captain (go to page 8, Davis)



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt

From left, Capt. Jared Rudacille, outgoing commander, Company D, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Inf. Division, Lt. Col. Craig Osborne, commander, 1st Bn., 22nd Inf. Regt., and Capt. Nathaniel Davis, incoming commander, Co. D, salute during the National Anthem at the companies change of command ceremony held on Fort Hood Jan. 26.

Raider Brigade Chaplain's Corner:

When am I going to start living my life?

By Maj. Steve Feriante
Brigade Chaplain

Are you like me; shipwrecked on a lonely planet? Not sure if the mother ship will find us. We look up and realize we're just specks of consciousness staring at a cold, unconscious universe. How did we get here? Why are we here?

These are the questions we entertain for brief moments before pushing them aside. When our time is up, do we dissolve into unconsciousness?

The search of meaning, purpose and happiness is not easy. It's always around the next corner... remember

in Junior High School... we thought life would start when we got into High School; no more Junior High geek. High School was going to be so cool! It wasn't. Forget High School. Graduation is finally here. Now I can start living... flipping burgers at Burger King! This is a real drag. There has to be more to life than this! I got it. All my problems are solved. "Just sign right here." Be all you can be. I joined the Army! Big mistake. Still not happy. Will someone please show me how to find meaning and happiness? Oh! Sweet Joy of Life at last I've found you! This is it – the gal or guy of my dreams! At last! True joy and happiness. Marriage. How come they didn't warn me! What's that? I misunderstood? It starts with children? Those little bundles of joy bring happiness and

purpose to life?

They lied. What's that? I don't hear so well? It's when the children leave the home?

It's when the divorce is final? When I retire?

Still waiting to live? Still looking for happiness?

No problem. Make the world go away. What do you mean cancer? What do you mean the semi-truck didn't see me? It can't be over yet – I haven't lived, yet.

Do you want to start living? Listen to the worlds of Saint Augustine, "Lord, you have created me for yourself and my heart will be restless until I rest in you."

The writer of the Psalms in the Old Testament says: "As for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge." Psalm 73

Personnel accounting important task

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This is an area that is often neglected, in order for it to work, we must start now.

Task, Conditions,

Standards: To be successful in combat, we must train continually to develop and maintain combat ready Soldiers, leaders and units that can perform assigned tasks to specific standards.

Standards are associated with a clearly defined set of conditions applied to a specific task.

The Army provides standards for military training in a variety of training and field manuals. Where training standards are undefined, leaders and trainers establish them based on existing doctrine, regulations and the guidance of superiors. In so doing, leaders must ensure the standards are challenging, attainable and easily evaluated.

CSM Michael I. Bobb
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Bring in the Colors...Members of the 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division Honor Guard bring in the Colors at the 1st STB Redeployment Ball Feb. 15.

The Judges Corner: The hidden legal, financial and professional costs of a DUI

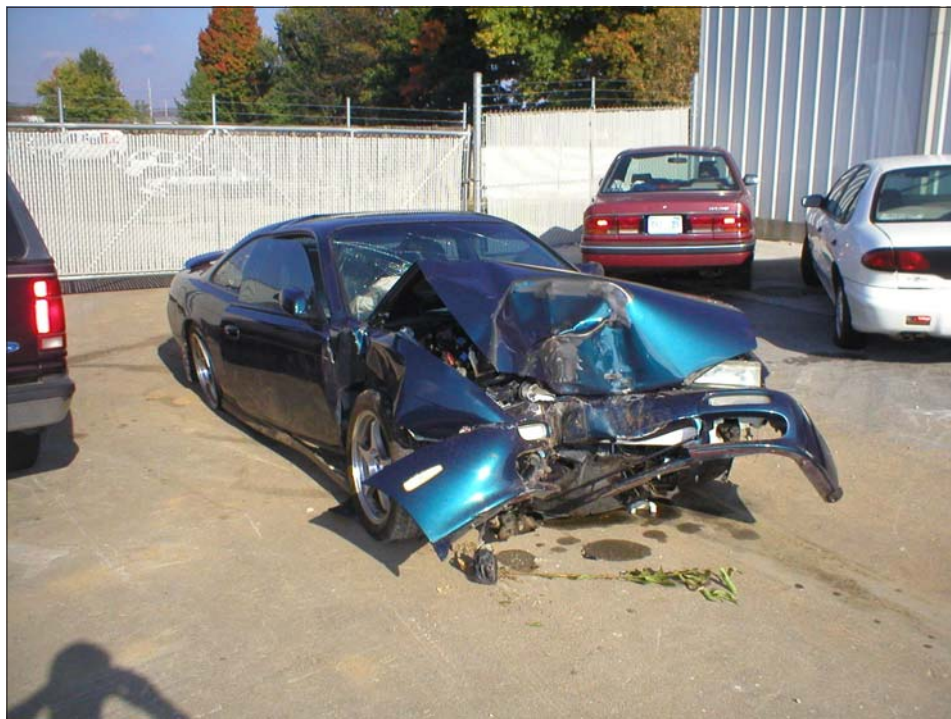
By Maj. Douglas K. Watkins
Brigade Judge Advocate

Not so many years ago (25 comes to mind, when I was a private here at Fort Hood), alcohol was a significant part of Army culture. Officers invited NCOs to the Officer's Club for "Right Arm Night." NCOs invited officers to the NCO Club for "Bring Your Boss Night." Unit parties featured alcohol, with some food thrown in for good measure. Enlisted member clubs all over post were full to the gills.

Those days, while "fun" in a sense, are long gone, and for good reason. The costs associated with the alcohol culture were tremendous, and included lost productivity and man-hours, decreased readiness, increased insurance and health care costs, and, in some cases, death and destruction. (In 2005, a person died on average every thirty minutes in alcohol related accidents).

While the Army has come a long way in de-glamorizing alcohol, we still have a significant problem with drunk driving. The economic costs associated with drunk driving to society and the Army run into the billions every year. The emotional costs to drunk driving victims and their families are immeasurable. But what about the costs to you, the Soldier?

If you are arrested for drunk driving, there are certain immediate and obvious costs. First, there is the



courtesy photo

A Driving Under the Influence conviction can not only cost you a wrecked car, but it can have costs that can ruin your life legally, financially and professionally.

arrest. You will spend at least a night in jail and then pay a bondsman 10 to 15 percent of your bail. The bondsman keeps that fee as the cost of putting up the rest of your bail to the court. Then comes the attorney fees, fines, and court costs, which can easily run into the thousands of dollars, and potential jail time or supervised probation.

The money is just for the criminal court (U.S. Magistrate's Court for on-post offenses and state criminal courts for off-post offenses). Expect to pay more if you're sued in civil court for damage, injury or death. Your insurance policy only provides coverage you paid for. It's rare to be sued only for the limits of your policy.

In the meantime, you will probably have lost your license, at least

temporarily, while your car sits in an impound lot racking up storage fees. Further, your insurance premiums will go up based on a DUI conviction, and more again if there were any claims filed on your insurance for damage, injury, or death. It could take years of clean driving to get your premiums back down. Some insurance companies are not shy about dropping you altogether.

There are other costs of a DUI arrest that are not so well known. For instance, arrests on and off-post generate entries in the MP Blotter, which informs your commanders of traffic accidents and criminal offenses in their units. These entries also generate action at the Division Headquarters level. In accordance (go to page 9, *drinking*)

Raiders host prayer breakfast after year-long OIF deployment

By Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt
Editor, Raider Review

The first monthly prayer breakfast for 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division Soldiers returning from the Iraqi theater after a year-long deployment was held Jan. 30 in the Operation Iraqi Freedom Dining Facility on Fort Hood for more than 200 Raiders.

The breakfast was a monthly routine on Camp Taji, just north of Baghdad, so Soldiers could enjoy breakfast together, listen to music and words of inspiration and to pray.

The brigade commander decided to keep up the tradition when the brigade returned home from the Middle East to Central Texas.

Although the breakfast is a monthly event, this one was special to many. The early morning chow marked an end to a tough year of combat in Iraq and it helped bring to light what lies ahead for the Raiders in the Global War on Terrorism.

"They say there is a time for peace and there is a time for war, but for us there isn't a time for peace because we are moving from one conflict to another," said Chaplain (Capt.) David Fell, 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st BCT. "At this time, we are home to refresh our souls so we are able to take on what lies ahead for us. We know we have tough times ahead, but everyday we



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt

Commanders and command sergeants major pray at the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division Prayer Breakfast held at the Operation Iraqi Freedom Dining Facility Jan. 30. This was the first prayer breakfast held for the brigade since it redeployed back to Fort Hood after a year-long tour to the Iraqi theater.

must make every effort to prepare.

"We must not only prepare ourselves physically and mentally, but spiritually as well," he said. "To prepare ourselves spiritually, we can do things like these prayer breakfasts, go to church or attend Bible studies. We do this so our soul won't get drained, because we as Soldiers are expected to do things that sometimes drain our soul. When we keep our self spiritually fit, we are able to get through those hard times as we go through this deployment cycle."

Although many are already thinking about what lies ahead for

them, some just wanted to reflect on the past year in Iraq and the Soldiers who they stood by and still stand shoulder to shoulder with each and every day.

"As you reflect on this last year, I also want you to think about our 1st Cavalry (Division) brothers who are in the fight right now," said Col. James Pasquarette, commander, 1st BCT. "They are already in a tough fight only two months after we transferred authority to them. Be grateful for their families as well as ours, because the families are going through this deployment cycle as well as we are."

Raiders try bringing piece of history home after deployment

WW II tank stays at Camp Taji after refurbishment

By Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt
Editor, Raider Review

Soldiers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, tried bringing a small piece of World War II history home after their recent Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment but the tank will remain in Iraq.

A WWII M4 Sherman Tank with a 105 mm Howitzer maingun prepared for shipment back to the U.S. with Soldiers of the 1st BCT, who have just completed a one-year tour north of Baghdad, but the tank failed to depart Iraq for political reasons.

"This is a Raider tank and we have been trying to take it back," said Sgt. 1st Class Paul Kavanaugh, plans and operations platoon sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1st BCT. "We pulled every piece of equipment off the tank and cleaned it and then painted it. I've been working on this since I've been here this time in Iraq."



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt

A World War II M4 Sherman Tank with a 105 mm Howitzer maingun remains in Iraq after Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1st Brigade Combat, 4th Infantry Division refurbished the tank during their recent deployment in Iraq. It remains because of political reasons.

The tank is a black WWII model that was given to Britain by the U.S. as part of the Lend Lease Program. The Lend Lease Program was a way the U.S. could support Britain without being officially involved in the conflict before the U.S. declared war on Germany. The U.S. gave the tanks to Britain under a lease, but actually the U.S. made the payments for Britain.

The British left the tank in Iran during WWII and Iraq captured it during the Iraq and Iran War. The

Raiders of 1st BCT acquired it during Operation Iraqi Freedom I where it sat in front of the brigade's main tactical operations center in Tikrit. The tank failed to redeploy with the Raiders due to U.S. Customs denying passage to the U.S., but made the journey as far as Camp Taji.

During the Raiders second deployment to the Iraqi theater in 2006; the Raiders found the tank in front of the headquarters that 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st BCT

occupied at Camp Taji. Kavanaugh completely refurbished the tank except for the motor. He worked to insure that the tank would clear customs.

However, when it was time to redeploy, the brigade needed permission from the Iraqi Ministry of Defense to return home with the tank.

Unfortunately, the Ministry of Defense denied the tank transfer request to Fort Hood in December 2006. Therefore, the tank continued its lonely vigil at Camp Taji.

HHC, 1-22 IN changes command

By Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt
Editor, Raider Review

Under a clear January Texas sky, the former personnel officer for the 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, assumed command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 22nd Inf. Regt., 1st BCT, at a change of command ceremony held on Fort Hood Jan. 26.

Capt. Drew Pearson, a native of Worland, Wyo., assumed command of the company from Capt. Troy Parrish who commanded the company for only seven months during the division's recent deployment in support of Operation



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt

Capt. Drew Pearson, incoming commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Inf. Division, takes the guidon and command from Lt. Col. Craig Osborne, commander, 1st Bn., 22nd Inf. Regt. at a change of command ceremony held on Fort Hood Jan. 26.

Iraqi Freedom.

"Today is an important day in this unit's history," said Lt. Col. Craig

Osborne, commander, 1st Bn., 22nd Inf. Regt. "Captain Troy Parrish (go to page 9, Pearson)

Davis assumes command of Delta Co.

—(continued from page 3) Jared Rudacille to the list of former commanders and add Captain Nate Davis to the list of Regular commanders.

"Thanks to you (Rudacille), this company had a successful year in combat and made it home safely back here to Fort Hood," Osborne added. "To Captain Nate Davis, welcome to this company."

Davis received Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science, History and Religious Studies from the

University of Michigan and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in May 2002. Upon graduation, he attended the Armor Officer Basic Course and began his military career in the 2nd Inf. Div. serving as a tank platoon leader and support platoon leader in 1st Bn., 72nd Armor Regt. in Korea.

After leaving Korea, Davis attended the Armor Captain's Career Course, the Cavalry Leaders Course and the Information Operations Officer's

Course and was further assigned the 4th Inf. Div.

Davis' awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral two device and the

Parachutist Badge.

"I have had the time of my life over the last 20 months," said Rudacille. "I got to lead some of America's finest citizens into battle. I have to leave, but you (Soldiers of Co. D) have a great commander taking over."

"Men of Delta Company, you are an inspiring sight," said Davis. "I look forward to leading you in deeds, not words."

Davis joins the company with his wife Lisa and their ten month old daughter.

Many tasks still ahead for Raider Soldiers

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the lives of our Soldiers. For the sergeants out there – don't underestimate the influence you have on your Soldiers. They will listen to you – and respect you – if you make a sincere commitment to them. I have no time for discipline problems. The Soldier at Fort Hood that will drive while intoxicated, play loud music in his car on post, wear earrings on post, drink beer in uniform off post, etc, is the same Soldier in Iraq that

will not clear his weapon properly, will fall asleep on an ECP, will not wear his seatbelt in his M1114 and can't be counted on during combat patrol. Get our Soldiers conditioned to do the right thing at all times – even when no one is watching. It's the simplest definition of discipline I know – and it will save lives both here and there.

I want to welcome CSM Michael Bobb as Raider 7. CSM Bobb comes into the Raider Brigade with a

great reputation as the battalion CSM for 1-12 Infantry in 4th Brigade. He is already making a big difference on the personnel front. I want to thank him for stepping up to fill the void when CSM Wells departed for the National Training Center.

OK – it's great to be back home. Keep your head in the game over the next few turbulent months.

Colonel Jim Pasquarette
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Drinking, driving costs are immeasurable

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with a Division command policy, you will receive a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand (GOMOR) for a DUI/DWI arrest. GOMORs can be filed in your Official Military Performance File (OMPF), where they can kill any chances of promotion.

Assuming you can get your state to reissue your driver's license, a DUI arrest will most likely result in suspension or revocation of your on-post driving privileges and vehicle registration. You must then petition the 4th Infantry Division deputy commanding general to get restricted driving privileges.

At its root, a DUI arrest represents a lack of discipline. It is therefore an indicator that the Soldier lacks the discipline

necessary to be trusted with classified material. A DUI, then, can result in a suspension or revocation of your security clearance. If your MOS requires a clearance, you may find yourself reclassified into a less desirable MOS.

There's more. Because of the danger and indiscipline drunk driving represents, your commander may feel you are unfit to hold the rank you've been entrusted with. He or she can therefore administratively reduce you in rank, in addition to any punishment you received in criminal court. If the commander feels you are unfit for service, a DUI conviction might also result in a bar to reenlistment or even an administrative separation with a less than honorable discharge.

Aside from the money,

time and privileges you lose from drunk driving, most of the other costs discussed so far are limited to impacting your career.

What about the Soldier who wants to serve his enlistment and then get out? If you think your troubles end at ETS, you're mistaken. A first term Soldier with less than an Honorable discharge loses his GI Bill benefits. Further, you will be much less marketable for meaningful employment. Companies and government agencies aren't real excited about hiring undisciplined people with criminal records.

Compare a night of "fun" that will likely be forgotten in a moment or day or week, versus a night in the drunk tank, a check to the bondsman, a check to an attorney, a check to an impound lot (and maybe

a body shop), a check to the court, jail time or probation, mandatory classes, increased insurance premiums, a GOMOR in the OMPF, a criminal record, revoked driving privileges, jail time or probation, lost license, lost rank, lost security clearance, lost MOS, lost career, lost benefits and/or lost marketability. Any one of these things is no "fun." You'll likely experience a combination of several, which can be devastating.

The bottom line? It's not even close to worth it. Drunk driving means legal trouble, financial trouble, career trouble and commander trouble. If you're going to drink, drink responsibly. And if you're going to drink and move, have a designated driver.

Don't be the Soldier this article is written about.

Bronze Star, Purple Heart awarded

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was hit by a massive roadside bomb April 15, 2006. Greene received his awards after he was shot by a sniper Oct. 18, 2006.

“It’s great to be back here with all my family and friends, and I’m so glad every body is here,” said Stein, who received the awards as his family from California and Oklahoma looked on. “I’m very proud to get this award. I want to thank my fellow Soldiers and family because they never gave up. They never stopped praying for me.”

Stein was injured when the bomb entered the Bradley he was driving immediately severing both his legs and breaking his left arm. Despite his severe injuries and the Bradley filling with smoke and fire, Stein was able to direct his vehicle into an adjacent field 150 meters away from the site of the bomb attack.

After bringing the vehicle to a stop, Stein opened his driver’s hatch but was unable to pull himself from the vehicle before losing consciousness due to blood loss and the trauma he sustained. The next thing Stein says he remembers was waking up in a hospital in San Antonio.

Without regard for himself, Stein’s actions prevented further injuries to



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt

Spc. Joshua Stein, combat engineer, Company E, 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, was awarded the Bronze Star medal with V-Device for Valor and a Purple Heart medal at a ceremony on Fort Hood Feb. 9 by Brig. Gen. William Grimsley, deputy command general (support), 4th Inf. Div. Stein received the awards for his actions during a roadside bomb attack north of Baghdad April 15, 2006, when he managed to direct his Bradley Fighting Vehicle 150 meters away from the site of the bomb attack saving three fellow 1st BCT Soldiers.

his crew of three by moving the vehicle out of the kill zone and ensuring the vehicle didn’t roll over.

Several months later while a group of Soldiers from the company were sent to recover the Bradley, Greene was pulling security as a gunner on top of a Humvee when he remembers Soldiers

screaming at him to get down. Confused and losing blood, Greene drifted in and out of consciousness because a sniper had shot him in the face.

All Greene says he remembers was his fellow Soldiers wrapping his face with gauze and telling him that he would be home soon to be with his family.

“Everyday I get to be a Soldier and be with heroes like you all,” said Brig. Gen. William Grimsley, deputy commanding general (support), 4th Inf. Div., who spoke at the ceremony about the two wounded Soldiers. “These two Soldiers are truly heroes. I’m just proud to be with these guys.”